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MDOC INVESTIGATING TWO INMATE DEATHS

JACKSON –The Mississippi Department of Corrections is investigating two unrelated inmate deaths that occurred Monday night.

Evan Brothern, 24, was pronounced dead at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg about 9 p.m. He had been hospitalized since July 1 after collapsing in an open bay area at South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) in Leakesville. He was serving a 10-year sentence for sexual battery in Lincoln County. Brothern, #163075, was sentenced on Nov. 8, 2010.

August Walley, 38, was found unresponsive in her cell at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) in Rankin County as officers were making cell observations. Walley, #141559, who was in a cell alone, was serving 13 years for robbery and aggravated assault in Jackson County. She was pronounced dead at 10:56 p.m.

The cause and manner of death for each inmate are pending an autopsy and an investigation.